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Regarding:

**US Patent Application # 09/733,775: Methods and Devices for Treatment of Bone Fractures**

Mr. Patel:

I really appreciate you taking the time today to discuss my patent application. As you had suggested, I am faxing you my response to your office action mailed on September 24, 2003, and of which I am attaching to this fax. I apologize if my command of the patent language is lacking!

The office action states that I need to elect one of the figures as you listed them. However, I strongly believe that the figures of the claimed invention are generic and related to each other as part of the claimed invention. All of the figures relate to devices and/or the use of devices in the method of utilizing expandable devices(BRIDGES) to treat various bone fractures.

The claims 10-15 support the entire set of figures within the applications as well as those identified within the detailed office action. Likewise, I contend the figures support the claims

Figures 1-10 and 13 show alternate device embodiments and methods utilized to achieve the method of treatment.

Figures 10, 11, 12A and 12B further support the method of treatment by showing alternate device embodiments and methods related to the method of treatment.

I hope that you find my response to your office action adequate. I attempt to contact you again next week.

Best regards,

  
Hans Mische